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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE
WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED
PERSONS AND THE FAMILY

Indonesia*: draft resolution

International Youth Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/103 of 14 December 1990 and 47/85 of
16 December 1992 and its other relevant resolutions,

Noting that the year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter
of the United Nations, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the tenth anniversary of
International Youth Year, as well as the holding of the World Summit for Social
Development and the Fourth World Conference of Women: Action for Equality,
Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind that the preparation for and observance in 1995 of the
tenth anniversary of International Youth Year offer a special opportunity to
refocus attention on the needs and aspirations of youth, to increase cooperation
at all levels in dealing with youth matters and to take concrete action in
favour of youth,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and the
recommendations contained therein;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members
of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

1/ A/49/434.

2. Requests the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world youth programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond as a matter of priority and to submit it through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;
3. Decides to devote two of its plenary meetings at its fiftieth session to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and to adopt the world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond;
4. Invites Member States to participate in the two plenary meetings at a high political level and requests the Secretariat to schedule these meetings as close as possible to 24 October 1995 to facilitate such participation;
5. Decides to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year by designating in 1995 an international youth day at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;
6. Invites the Governments to consider the inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to both the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development and the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;
7. Urges the Secretary-General to give special attention to implementing the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond and for this purpose to give all possible support, in the form of both regular and extrabudgetary resources, to the programme;
8. Recommends that the Secretary-General incorporate a youth component in the programmes of the appropriate United Nations agencies and bodies within the context of the world youth programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond.



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Noting that the year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter
of the United Nations, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the tenth anniversary of
the International Youth Year, as well as the holding of the World Summit for
Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for
Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind that the preparation for an observance in 1995 of the tenth
anniversary of the International Youth Year offer a special opportunity to
refocus attention on the needs and aspirations of youth, to increase cooperation
at all levels in dealing with youth matters and to take concrete action in
favour of youth,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members
of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.



1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and the recommendations contained therein;

2. Requests the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond as a matter of priority and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

3. Decides to devote four plenary meetings at its fiftieth session to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and to adopt the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond;

4. Invites Member States to participate in the four plenary meetings at a high political level and requests the Secretariat to schedule those meetings as close as possible to 24 October 1995 to facilitate such participation;

5. Decides to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year by designating in 1995 an international youth day at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

6. Encourages Member States to ensure that youth and youth organizations are given appropriate opportunity to be involved in and to contribute to discussions at the national level leading to the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year;

7. Invites Governments to give particular consideration to the inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to both the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development and the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

8. Urges the Secretary-General to give special attention to implementing the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond and, for that purpose, to give to the programme regular budget support, within existing resources, and also to encourage the provision of extrabudgetary resources;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to incorporate a youth component in the programmes of the appropriate United Nations organizations and bodies in the context of the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond.



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Afghanistan, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, China,
Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Dominican Republic,
Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Libyan Arab
Jamahiriyah, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Norway,
Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Senegal,
Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey and United States of
America: draft resolution

Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society:
implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of
Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and of the long-term
strategy to implement the world programme of action concerning
disabled persons to the year 2000 and beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the
Standard Rules for the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with
Disabilities,

Also recalling its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted
the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 1/

Further recalling all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53
of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992 and
48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993,

1/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII,
recommendation I (iv).

Welcoming the unreserved reaffirmation in the Vienna Declaration on Human Rights 2/ of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and the recognition in the programme of action of the United Nations Conference on Population and Development 3/ of a pressing need, among others, for the realization of the goals of full participation and equality for persons with disabilities,

Reaffirming the continuing validity and value of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, which provides a firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues,

Reiterating the responsibility of Governments for removing or facilitating the removal of barriers and obstacles to the full integration and participation of persons with disabilities into society, and supporting their efforts in developing national policies to reach specific objectives,

Recognizing the contribution of non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of persons with disabilities, in the global effort to bring about full participation and equality for persons with disabilities,

Aware of the major obstacles to the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, foremost among these being an inadequate allocation of resources,

Having due regard to the preconditions set out under section I of the Standard Rules for equal participation, including national action to raise awareness in society about persons with disabilities, their rights, their needs, their potential and the need to realize these, and their contributions, to provide effective medical care, including mental health care, to ensure rehabilitative services, to establish and maintain support services, including assistive devices, for persons with disabilities and to assist them to increase their level of independence in their daily living and to exercise their rights,

I

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for
Persons with Disabilities

1. Urges all Governments and organizations to implement fully the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 48/96;

2. Invites Member States, in cooperation with organizations of persons with disabilities, to develop disability programmes, both on a national and local level, for the implementation of the Standard Rules and to include disability components in all planning, policy and development programmes;

2/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

3/ A/CONF.171/13, chap. I, resolution I, annex.

3. Also invites Member States, in developing disability programmes, to set time limits for the accomplishment of specific goals or targets, where appropriate;
4. Encourages Governments to take legal and administrative measures, as appropriate, to implement fully the Standard Rules;
5. Also encourages the consideration during major forthcoming events, including the 1995 World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, of disability issues relevant to the subject matter of those events;
6. Welcomes the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Disability to monitor the implementation of the Standard Rules and to submit reports to the Commission on Social Development at its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions;
7. Also welcomes the establishment of a panel of experts as referred to in section IV, paragraph 3, of the Standard Rules;
8. Encourages the Secretary-General and United Nations agencies concerned to finalize the development of a global disability indicator, and the Special Rapporteur to make full use of it, where appropriate, in his future work;
9. Notes, with appreciation, that a number of Member States have made, or have indicated their intention to make, contributions to support the work of the Special Rapporteur;
10. Invites Governments and the private sector to provide meaningful assistance to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability, with the view to providing additional support to the implementation of the Standard Rules, within the context of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
11. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the effective monitoring by the Special Rapporteur of the Standard Rules by providing adequate funding through extrabudgetary sources;
12. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution;

II

Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons; 4/

2. Calls upon Governments, when implementing the Programme, to take into account the elements suggested in the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond, as set out in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;
3. Notes with interest the various activities and contributions made by United Nations offices and agencies in the disability field;
4. Requests the regional organizations to facilitate the adaptation and transfer of global approaches, standards and technology to the specific needs of the region;
5. Urges global organizations to support regional and national plans;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate support for the effective functioning of the Long-term Strategy;
7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the Long-term Strategy.



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Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus,
Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire,
Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, France,
Guinea, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy,
Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco,
Myanmar, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines,
Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Sweden,
Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and United States of America:
revised draft resolution

Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society:
implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of
Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and of the Long-Term
Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning
Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the
Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with
Disabilities,

Also recalling its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted
the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 1/

1/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII,
recommendation I (iv).



Further recalling all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992 and 48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993,

Welcoming the unreserved reaffirmation in the Vienna Declaration on Human Rights 2/ of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and the recognition in the programme of action of the United Nations Conference on Population and Development 3/ of a pressing need, among others, for the realization of the goals of full participation and equality for persons with disabilities,

Reaffirming the continuing validity and value of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, which provides a firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues,

Reiterating the responsibility of Governments for removing or facilitating the removal of barriers and obstacles to the full integration and participation of persons with disabilities into society, and supporting their efforts in developing national policies to reach specific objectives,

Recognizing the contribution of non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of persons with disabilities, in the global effort to bring about full participation and equality for persons with disabilities,

Aware of the major obstacles to the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, foremost among these being an inadequate allocation of resources,

Having due regard to the preconditions set out under section I of the Standard Rules for equal participation, including national action to raise awareness in society about persons with disabilities, their rights, their needs, their potential and the need to realize these, and their contributions, to provide effective medical care, including mental health care, to ensure rehabilitative services, to establish and maintain support services, including assistive devices, for persons with disabilities and to assist them in increasing their level of independence in their daily living and to exercise their rights,

I

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities
for Persons with Disabilities

1. Urges all Governments to implement, with the cooperation and assistance of organizations, the Standard Rules on the Equalization of

2/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

3/ A/CONF.171/13, chap. I, resolution I, annex.

Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 48/96;

2. Invites Member States, in cooperation with organizations of persons with disabilities or their representatives, to develop disability programmes, both on a national and local level, for the implementation of the Standard Rules and to include disability components in all planning, policy and development programmes;
3. Also invites Member States, in developing disability programmes, to set time limits for the accomplishment of specific goals or targets, where appropriate;
4. Encourages Governments to take legal and administrative measures, as appropriate, to implement fully the Standard Rules;
5. Also encourages the consideration during major forthcoming events, including the 1995 World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, of disability issues relevant to the subject matter of those events;
6. Welcomes the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Disability to monitor the implementation of the Standard Rules and to submit reports to the Commission on Social Development at its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions;
7. Also welcomes the establishment of a panel of experts as referred to in section IV, paragraph 3, of the Standard Rules;
8. Encourages the Secretary-General and the United Nations agencies concerned to finalize, in consultation with Member States, the development of a global disability indicator, and also encourages the Special Rapporteur to make use of it, where appropriate, in his future work;
9. Notes with appreciation that a number of Member States have made, or have indicated their intention to make, contributions to support the work of the Special Rapporteur;
10. Invites Governments and the private sector to provide meaningful assistance to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability, with a view to providing additional support to the implementation of the Standard Rules, within the context of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
11. Requests the Secretary-General to support the effective monitoring by the Special Rapporteur of the Standard Rules and invites voluntary contributions to fund the Special Rapporteur's work in this regard;
12. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution;

II

Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action
concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons; 4/
2. Calls upon Governments, when implementing the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, to take into account the elements suggested in the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond, as set out in the annex to the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General;
3. Notes with interest the various activities and contributions made by United Nations programmes and agencies in the disability field;
4. Requests the regional commissions and other regional organizations to facilitate the adaptation and transfer of global approaches, standards and disability-related technology to the specific needs of the region;
5. Urges international organizations to support regional and national plans;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate support for the effective functioning of the Long-term Strategy;
7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the Long-term Strategy.



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PERSONS AND THE FAMILY

Austria, Czech Republic, Egypt, Netherlands and
Romania: draft resolution

Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, resolution 40/14 of 18 November 1985, entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", and resolution 45/103 of 14 December 1990, in which it decided to devote a plenary meeting at its fiftieth session to youth questions,

Noting that the year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year,

Recognizing that, in implementing the guidelines, priority should be given to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, including the right to education and to work, and to the resolution of other urgent problems faced by young people in the present-day world, such as hunger, the deterioration of the environment, drug abuse, disability and disease, including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1/ which entered into force on 2 September 1990, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 2/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held from 14 to 25 June 1993, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, adopted by the World Summit for Children on 30 September 1990, 3/

Noting the holding of the Youth Forum of the United Nations System, at Vienna from 27 to 29 May 1991, stressing the importance of the role of youth non-governmental organizations in the contribution to United Nations policies in the field of youth and welcoming the increasing activities of the youth employment programme HOPE '87 and its close collaboration with the United Nations in bringing about employment opportunities for young people, especially in developing countries,

1. Encourages all States, all United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through the Commission for Social Development, the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to continue to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth; 4/

2. Calls upon Member States to enable young people to obtain a comprehensive education, including on such subjects as human rights, environmental questions and cross-cultural issues with a view to fostering mutual understanding and tolerance;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Member States and youth organizations, to evaluate youth programmes that were developed during the follow-up of International Youth Year and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, with a view to ensuring effective implementation of a world youth programme of action to the year 2000 and beyond; 5/

4. Encourages the preparation by Member States that have not yet done so, of a national youth policy, based on an analytical national evaluation of the situation and needs of youth;

1/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

2/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III).

3/ A/45/625, annex.

4/ See A/40/256, annex.

5/ For the text of the draft world youth programme of action to the year 2000 and beyond, see E/CN.5/1993/10, as amended in E/CN.5/1993/L.11, annex.

5. Calls once again upon Member States, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, and in particular to facilitate, in accordance with these resolutions, the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

6. Calls upon the regional commissions that have not yet done so, together with regional youth and youth-serving organizations, to finalize the comprehensive review of the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in the regions since 1985 and to propose draft regional youth programmes of action to the year 2000 and beyond;

7. Invites once again Member States to include, whenever possible, youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, with particular emphasis on the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, in order to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of youth-related issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations on the need for specific programmes aimed at encouraging school attendance through various means, in particular by the provision of lessons free of charge and, where appropriate, free food in schools, in close coordination with the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the multilateral financial institutions, bearing in mind the fundamental importance to youth of increasing literacy rates as set out in the draft world youth programme of action to the year 2000 and beyond;

9. Decides to consider the question of policies and programmes involving youth under the item entitled "Social development" at its fifty-second session based upon a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.



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Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Honduras, Indonesia, Mongolia,
Morocco, Myanmar, Togo and Viet Nam: draft resolution

The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic
and social trends

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/90 of 16 December 1992, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, in which it proclaimed the first Saturday of July 1995 to be International Day of Cooperatives,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends, 1/ especially the important recommendations contained in section II of the report aimed at ensuring the best possible means of dealing with the issue of cooperatives, taking into account their broad significance in contributing to the solution of major economic and social problems,

Recognizing the cooperatives in their various forms are becoming an indispensable factor of economic and social development of all countries promoting the fullest possible participation in the development process of all population groups, including women, youth, disabled persons and the elderly,

Recognizing also the important contribution and potential of all forms of cooperatives to the preparations and follow-up of the World Summit for Social

1/ A/49/213.

Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace to be held in 1995 and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) to be held in 1996,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends;
2. Decides to observe annually the International Day of Cooperatives on the first Saturday of July starting from 1995 as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/90;
3. Encourages Governments to consider fully the potential of cooperatives for contributing to the solution of economic, social and environmental problems in formulating national development strategies;
4. Also encourages Governments to consider reviewing legal and administrative constraints on the activities of cooperatives with a view to eliminating those constraints that are not applied to other businesses and enterprises;
5. Invites government agencies, in collaboration with cooperatives and other relevant organizations, to develop programmes aimed at improving statistics on the contribution of cooperatives to national economies and facilitating dissemination of information on cooperatives;
6. Invites the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in formulating respective strategies and actions, to give due consideration to the role and contribution of cooperatives;
7. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to maintain and increase the support provided by the United Nations to the programmes and objectives of the international cooperative movement, and to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.



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INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Bahamas, Cuba, Mexico, United States of America
and Venezuela: draft resolution

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit
production and trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/97 of 16 December 1992, 48/12 of
28 October 1993 and 48/112 of 20 December 1993,

Profoundly alarmed by the magnitude of the rising trend in drug abuse,
illicit production and trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances that
threaten the health and well-being of millions of persons, in particular the
youth, in all countries of the world,

Gravely concerned that the illicit demand for, production of and traffic in
narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances continue to threaten seriously the
socio-economic and political systems and the stability, national security and
sovereignty of an increasing number of States,

Deeply alarmed by the growing violence and economic power of criminal
organizations and terrorist groups that engage in the production, traffic and
distribution of drugs, arms and precursor and essential chemicals, which at
times places them beyond the reach of the law, corrupting institutions and
threatening the stability of many societies in the world,



Fully aware that States, the relevant agencies of the United Nations system and multilateral development banks need to accord a higher priority to dealing with this scourge, which undermines development, economic and political stability and democratic institutions, and whose combat entails increasing economic costs for Governments as well as the irreparable loss of human lives,

Reaffirming that a comprehensive framework for international cooperation in drug control is provided by the existing drug conventions, the Declaration 1/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 2/ the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action, 3/ the Declaration adopted by the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat 4/ and the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, and stressing the need for insistent efforts to implement them,

Recognizing the efforts of countries that produce narcotic drugs for scientific, medicinal and therapeutic uses to prevent the diversion of such substances to illicit markets and to maintain production at a level consistent with licit demand,

Acknowledging that there are links, under certain circumstances, between poverty and the increase in the illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that the promotion of the economic development of countries affected by the illicit drug trade requires appropriate measures, including strengthened international cooperation in support of alternative development activities in the affected areas of those countries,

Emphasizing the need for an analysis of transit routes used by drug traffickers, which are constantly changing and expanding to include a growing number of countries and regions in all parts of the world,

Underlining the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues,

Reaffirming the importance of the role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the main focus for concerted action for drug abuse control and commending the way in which it has carried out the functions entrusted to it,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the drug menace requires the formulation of new strategies, approaches, objectives and enhanced international cooperation

1/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. A.

2/ Ibid., sect. B.

3/ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

4/ A/45/262, annex.

to address more effectively the international operations of those who deal in illegal traffic of drugs, arms and precursors and essential chemicals,

I

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

1. Reaffirms that the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking should not in any way justify violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations;
2. Calls upon all States to intensify their actions to promote effective cooperation in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, so as to contribute to a climate conducive to achieving this end, on the basis of the principles of equal rights and mutual respect;

II

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

1. Renews its commitment to further strengthening international cooperation and substantially increasing efforts against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances, based on the principle of shared responsibility and taking into account experience gained;
2. Urges all States to ratify or accede to and implement all provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 5/ as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 6/ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 7/ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988; 8/
3. Calls upon all States to adopt adequate national laws and regulations, to strengthen national judicial systems and to carry out effective drug control activities in cooperation with other States in compliance with those international instruments;
4. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to provide legal assistance to Member States that request it in

5/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 520, No. 7515.

6/ Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

7/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 15956.

8/ United Nations publication Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

adjusting their national laws, policies and infrastructures to implement the international drug control conventions, as well as in training personnel responsible for applying the new laws;

5. Supports the focus on regional, subregional and national strategies for drug abuse control, particularly the master-plan approach, and urges the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to complement them with effective interregional strategies;

6. Encourages all countries to take action to prevent the illicit arms trade by which weapons are provided to drug traffickers;

7. Acknowledges that there are links between the illicit production, demand for and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the economic and social conditions in the affected countries and the differences and diversity of the problems in each country;

8. Calls upon the international community to provide increased economic and technical support to Governments that request it in support of programmes of alternative development that take fully into account the cultural traditions of peoples;

9. Takes note of the strong support expressed by members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the initiatives of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to establish a dialogue with multilateral development banks so that they might include a drug control dimension in lending and programming activities in interested and affected countries, and requests the Executive Director of the Programme to inform the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of further progress made in this area;

10. Stresses the need for effective action to prevent the diversion of precursors and essential chemicals, materials and equipment frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

11. Calls upon the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue providing assistance to Member States that request it in establishing or strengthening national drug detection laboratories;

12. Encourages the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue its laboratory research to develop environmentally safe methods for the eradication of illegal crops from which narcotics are obtained, in support of national drug control strategies and, in this context, to promote international quality standards for such methods and requests it to report on progress made to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-eight session;

13. Urges States to increase their efforts to eradicate illegal crops from which narcotics are obtained and to take full advantage of the current and future efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on environmentally safe eradication methods;

14. Commends the International Narcotics Control Board for its valuable work in monitoring production and distribution of narcotic drugs and

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psychotropic substances so as to limit their use to medical and scientific purposes, and urges increased efforts to implement its mandate under article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, concerning the monitoring of the movement of precursors and essential chemicals;

15. Recommends to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that it consider, under an existing agenda item, at its thirty-eighth session, the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme entitled "The social and economic impact of drug abuse and control" and "Drugs and development" submitted to the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit for Social Development;

16. Welcomes the decision by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-seventh session, to request the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board and with the support of an ad hoc intergovernmental advisory group, to prepare an assessment of the issues covered in paragraphs 9 and 10 (a), (b), (c), (e), (i) and (j) of General Assembly resolution 48/12, as well as the issues of possible alternative funding mechanisms for United Nations drug control activities; 2/

17. Welcomes also the decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine at its thirty-eighth session the issues identified in paragraph 10 (d), (f), (g) and (h) of General Assembly resolution 48/12; 2/

18. Takes note with satisfaction of the decision by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to include in its agenda for its thirty-eighth session an item on reduction of illicit demand, in accordance with paragraph 10 (a) of resolution 48/12;

19. Invites the Economic and Social Council, while considering the issue of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances at its high-level segment in 1995, to pay special attention to the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-eighth session, and particularly to the results of the deliberations regarding the implementation of paragraphs 9 and 10 of General Assembly resolution 48/12;

20. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in its report on illicit traffic in drugs, to analyse world-wide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means for improving the capacity of States along those routes to deal with all aspects of the drug problem;

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 10 (E/1994/30), chap. XI, resolution 3 (XXXVII).

III

Global Programme of Action

1. Reaffirms the importance of the Global Programme of Action as a comprehensive framework for national, regional and international action to combat illicit production of, demand for and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
2. Calls upon States to implement the mandates and recommendations of the Global Programme of Action, with a view to translating it into practical action for drug abuse control at the national, regional and international levels;
3. Also calls upon the relevant bodies of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, and other concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to cooperate with and assist States in their efforts to promote and implement the Global Programme of Action;
4. Welcomes the efforts undertaken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to facilitate reporting by Governments on implementation of the Global Programme of Action and encourages them to pursue these efforts so as to increase the number of Governments that respond;
5. Takes note of efforts being made by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and other United Nations bodies to obtain reliable data on drug abuse and illicit trafficking, including the development of the International Drug Abuse Assessment System, and urges increased and timely reporting by Member States;
6. Invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider developing a mechanism to provide assistance to Member States that request it, in their efforts to establish national data collection mechanisms and to seek voluntary resources for this purpose;

IV

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action
Plan on Drug Abuse Control: action by agencies of the
United Nations system

1. Supports the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control as a vital tool for the coordination and enhancement of drug abuse control activities within the United Nations system and requests that it be updated and reviewed on a biennial basis with a view to continuing efforts to improve its presentation and usefulness as a strategic tool of the United Nations on the drug problem;
2. Reaffirms the role of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to coordinate and provide effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in order to ensure

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coherence of action within the Programme as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system;

3. Endorses the agreed conclusions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 1994 coordination segment, regarding coordination by the United Nations Drug Control Programme of drug control related policies and activities of the United Nations system, including international financial institutions;

4. Urges that governing bodies of the United Nations agencies associated with the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control help ensure effective follow-up by including drug control on their agendas with a view to assessing the activities taken in accordance with the Plan and examining how the drug problem is addressed in relevant programmes;

5. Invites Member States to inform the Economic and Social Council at its 1995 high-level session on specific national efforts to engage the United Nations system and the multilateral development banks in addressing the drug problem;

V

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

1. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to implement its mandates within the framework of the international drug control treaties, the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, the Global Programme of Action and relevant consensus documents;

2. Urges all Governments to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in particular by increasing voluntary contributions to the Programme, to enable it to expand and strengthen its operational and technical cooperation activities;

3. Welcomes the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its reconvened thirty-sixth session on the programme budget of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in accordance with the mandate contained in section XVI, paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991;

4. Notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to comply with the approved format and methodology of the programme budget of the Fund, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the General Assembly, as well as the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and encourages the Executive Director to continue his efforts to improve the presentation and transparency of the budget;

5. Stresses the importance of the meetings of heads of national law enforcement agencies, and encourages them to consider ways to improve their

functioning and to strengthen their impact so as to enhance cooperation in the fight against drugs at the regional level;

VI

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General presented under the item entitled "International drug control"; 10/

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To include in his address to the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its 1995 session an evaluation on the progress made in attaining the objectives of the United Nations Decade Against Drug Abuse, 1991-2000, under the theme, "A global response to a global challenge" by Member States, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations system;

(b) To present a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and to include recommendations and strategies for its further implementation;

(c) To provide in his annual report on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action information on the main obstacles to implementation and reporting by Member States, and to make recommendations in that regard.



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INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Italy,
Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Turkey,
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United
States of America and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit
production and trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/97 of 16 December 1992, 48/12 of
28 October 1993 and 48/112 of 20 December 1993,

Profoundly alarmed by the magnitude of the rising trend in drug abuse,
illicit production and trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances that
threaten the health and well-being of millions of persons, in particular the
youth, in all countries of the world,

Gravely concerned that the illicit demand for, production of and traffic in
narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances continue to threaten seriously the
socio-economic and political systems and the stability, national security and
sovereignty of an increasing number of States,

Deeply alarmed by the growing violence and economic power of criminal
organizations and terrorist groups that engage in the production, traffic and
distribution of drugs, arms and precursor and essential chemicals, which at
times places them beyond the reach of the law, corrupting institutions,
undermining the full exercise of human rights and threatening the stability of
many societies in the world,



Fully aware that States, the relevant agencies of the United Nations system and multilateral development banks need to accord a higher priority to dealing with this scourge, which undermines development, economic and political stability and democratic institutions, and whose combat entails increasing economic costs for Governments as well as the irreparable loss of human lives,

Convinced of the desirability of closer coordination and cooperation among States in combating drug-related crimes, such as terrorism, illicit arms trade and money laundering, and bearing in mind the role that could be played by both the United Nations and regional organizations in this respect;

Reaffirming that a comprehensive framework for international cooperation in drug control is provided by the existing drug conventions, the Declaration 1/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 2/ the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action, 3/ the Declaration adopted by the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat 4/ and the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, and stressing the need for insistent efforts to implement them,

Recognizing the efforts of countries that produce narcotic drugs for scientific, medicinal and therapeutic uses to prevent the diversion of such substances to illicit markets and to maintain production at a level consistent with licit demand in line with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,

Acknowledging that there are links, under certain circumstances, between poverty and the increase in the illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that the promotion of the economic development of countries affected by the illicit drug trade requires appropriate measures, including strengthened international cooperation in support of alternative and sustainable development activities in the affected areas of those countries,

Emphasizing the need for an analysis of transit routes used by drug traffickers, which are constantly changing and expanding to include a growing number of countries and regions in all parts of the world,

Underlining the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues,

1/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. A.

2/ Ibid., sect. B.

3/ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

4/ A/45/262, annex.

Reaffirming the leadership role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control and commending the way in which it has carried out the functions entrusted to it,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the drug menace requires the formulation of strategies, approaches, objectives and enhanced international cooperation to address more effectively the international operations of those who deal in illegal traffic of drugs, arms and precursors and essential chemicals,

I

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

1. Reaffirms that the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking should not in any way justify violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations;

2. Calls upon all States to intensify their actions to promote effective cooperation in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, so as to contribute to a climate conducive to achieving this end, on the basis of the principles of equal rights and mutual respect;

II

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

1. Renews its commitment to further strengthening international cooperation and substantially increasing efforts against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances, based on the principle of shared responsibility and taking into account experience gained;

2. Urges all States to ratify or accede to and implement all provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 5/ as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 6/ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 7/ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988; 8/

5/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 520, No. 7515.

6/ Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

7/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 15956.

8/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

3. Calls upon all States to adopt adequate national laws and regulations, to strengthen national judicial systems and to carry out effective drug control activities in cooperation with other States in accordance with those international instruments;
4. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to provide legal assistance to Member States that request it in adjusting their national laws, policies and infrastructures to implement the international drug control conventions, as well as assistance in training personnel responsible for applying the new laws;
5. Supports the focus on regional, subregional and national strategies for drug abuse control, particularly the master-plan approach, and urges the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to complement them with effective interregional strategies;
6. Reaffirms the danger and threat posed to civil society by drug trafficking and its links to terrorism, money laundering and the arms trade and encourages Governments to deal with this threat and to cooperate to prevent the channelling of funds to and between those engaged in such activities;
7. Acknowledges that there are links between the illicit production, demand for and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the economic and social conditions in the affected countries and the differences and diversity of the problems in each country;
8. Calls upon the international community to provide increased economic and technical support to Governments that request it in support of programmes of alternative and sustainable development in countries affected by the illicit drug problem that take fully into account the cultural traditions of peoples;
9. Takes note of the strong support expressed by members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the initiatives of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to establish a dialogue with multilateral development banks so that they might include a drug control component in lending and programming activities in interested and affected countries, and requests the Executive Director of the Programme to inform the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of further progress made in this area;
10. Stresses the need for effective action to prevent the diversion of precursors and essential chemicals, materials and equipment used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
11. Commends the International Narcotics Control Board for its valuable work in monitoring the production and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances so as to limit their use to medical and scientific purposes, and urges increased efforts to implement its mandate under article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances concerning the monitoring of the movement of precursors and essential chemicals;

12. Calls upon the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue providing assistance to Member States that request it in establishing or strengthening national drug detection laboratories;

13. Encourages the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue, and to seek support from other relevant agencies for, its laboratory research to develop environmentally safe methods for the eradication of illegal crops from which narcotics are obtained, in support of national drug control strategies when requested by interested Governments and, in this context, to promote international quality standards for such methods, and requests it to report on progress made on this matter to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-eighth session;

14. Calls upon States to consider increasing efforts to eradicate illegal crops from which narcotics are obtained and to take full advantage of the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on environmentally safe eradication methods;

15. Emphasizes the need to maintain the capacity of the International Narcotics Control Board, including through the provision of appropriate means by the Secretary-General within existing resources, and adequate technical support by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

16. Reaffirms the importance of achieving the objectives of the United Nations Decade Against Drug Abuse 1991-2000, under the theme "A global response to a global challenge", by Member States, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations system;

17. Recommends to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that it consider, under an existing agenda item, at its thirty-eighth session, the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme entitled "The social and economic impact of drug abuse and control" and "Drugs and development" submitted to the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit for Social Development;

18. Welcomes the decision by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-seventh session, to request the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board and with the support of an ad hoc intergovernmental advisory group, to prepare an assessment of the issues covered in paragraphs 9 and 10 (a), (b), (c), (e), (i) and (j) of General Assembly resolution 48/12, as well as the issues of possible alternative funding mechanisms for United Nations drug control activities; 2/

19. Welcomes also the decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine at its thirty-eighth session the issues identified in paragraph 10 (d), (f), (g) and (h) of General Assembly resolution 48/12; 2/

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 10 (E/1994/30), chap. XI, resolution 3 (XXXVII).

20. Takes note with satisfaction of the decision by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to include in its agenda for its thirty-eighth session an item on reduction of illicit demand, in accordance with paragraph 10 (a) of resolution 48/12;

21. Invites the Economic and Social Council, while considering the issue of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances at its high-level segment in 1995, to pay special attention to the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 48/12;

22. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in its report on illicit traffic in drugs, to include an assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means for improving the capacity of States along those routes to deal with all aspects of the drug problem;

III

Global Programme of Action

1. Reaffirms the importance of the Global Programme of Action as a comprehensive framework for national, regional and international action to combat illicit production of, demand for and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. Calls upon States to implement the mandates and recommendations of the Global Programme of Action, with a view to translating it into practical action for drug abuse control at the national, regional and international levels;

3. Urges all Governments and competent regional organizations to develop a balanced approach within the framework of comprehensive demand reduction activities, giving adequate priority to prevention, treatment, research, social reintegration and training in the context of national strategic plans to combat drug abuse;

4. Also calls upon the relevant bodies of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, and other concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to cooperate with and assist States in their efforts to promote and implement the Global Programme of Action;

5. Welcomes the efforts undertaken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to facilitate reporting by Governments on implementation of the Global Programme of Action and encourages them to pursue these efforts so as to increase the number of Governments that respond;

6. Takes note of efforts being made by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and other United Nations bodies to obtain reliable data

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on drug abuse and illicit trafficking, including the development of the International Drug Abuse Assessment System, encourages the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with other United Nations bodies, to take further steps to facilitate the efficient collection of data so as to avoid duplication of effort, and encourages also the increased and timely provision of updated information by Member States;

7. Invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider ways of providing assistance to Member States that request it, in their efforts to establish appropriate mechanisms to collect and analyse data and to seek voluntary resources for this purpose;

IV

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control: action by agencies of the United Nations system

1. Supports the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control as a vital tool for the coordination and enhancement of drug abuse control activities within the United Nations system and requests that it be updated and reviewed on a biennial basis with a view to continuing efforts to improve its presentation and usefulness as a strategic tool of the United Nations on the drug problem;

2. Reaffirms the role of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to coordinate and provide effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in order to increase cost-effectiveness and to ensure coherence of action within the Programme as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system;

3. Endorses the agreed conclusions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 1994 coordination segment, regarding coordination by the United Nations Drug Control Programme of drug control related policies and activities of the United Nations system, including international financial institutions;

4. Urges that governing bodies of the United Nations agencies associated with the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control help ensure effective follow-up by including drug control on their agendas with a view to assessing the activities taken in accordance with the Plan and examining how the drug problem is addressed in relevant programmes;

5. Invites Member States to inform the Economic and Social Council at its 1995 high-level session on progress in international cooperation, especially on specific national efforts to engage the United Nations system and the multilateral development banks in addressing the drug problem;

V

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

1. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to implement its mandates within the framework of the international drug control treaties, the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, the Global Programme of Action and relevant consensus documents;
2. Urges all Governments to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in particular by increasing voluntary contributions to the Programme, to enable it to expand and strengthen its operational and technical cooperation activities;
3. Invites Governments and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider ways and means of improving coordination of United Nations-related drug control activities;
4. Welcomes the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its reconvened thirty-sixth session on the programme budget of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in accordance with the mandate contained in section XVI, paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991;
5. Notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to comply with the approved format and methodology of the programme budget of the Fund, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the General Assembly, as well as the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and encourages the Executive Director to continue his efforts to improve the presentation and transparency of the budget;
6. Stresses the importance of the meetings of heads of national law enforcement agencies, and encourages them to consider ways to improve their functioning and to strengthen their impact so as to enhance cooperation in the fight against drugs at the regional level;

VI

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General presented under the item entitled "International drug control"; 10/
2. Requests the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To submit an updated report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the status of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

10/ A/49/139, A/49/317, A/49/345 and A/49/369.

(b) To include in his annual report on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, recommendations on ways and means to improve implementation and provision of information by Member States.



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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
QUESTIONS RELATING TO REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia,
Austria, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica,
Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic,
El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France,
Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala,
Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan,
Jordan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Monaco,
Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua,
Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal,
Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia,
Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan,
Suriname, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay:
draft resolution

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of her Office ^{1/} and the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on the work of its

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session,
Supplement No. 12 (A/49/12).



forty-fifth session, 2/ and taking note of the statement made by the High Commissioner on 9 November 1994, 3/

Recalling its resolution 48/116 of 20 December 1993,

Expressing deep concern at the immense human suffering and loss of life which have accompanied recent crises involving refugee flows and other forced displacements, as well as the magnitude and complexity of current refugee problems, which have made more difficult the accomplishment of the High Commissioner's crucial functions of ensuring international protection for refugees and achieving timely and durable solutions to their plight,

Reaffirming the importance of the 1951 Convention 4/ and the 1967 Protocol 5/ relating to the Status of Refugees as the cornerstone of the international system for the protection of refugees, and noting with satisfaction that one hundred and twenty seven States are now parties to one or both instruments,

Reaffirming the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner, as well as the crucial importance of the High Commissioner's functions of providing international protection to refugees and seeking solutions to refugee problems,

Welcoming the continuing strong commitment of States to provide protection and assistance to refugees and the valuable support extended by Governments to the High Commissioner in carrying out her humanitarian tasks,

Also welcoming the strong commitment made by States, in the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development, 6/ held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, to the institution of asylum and to refugees and displaced persons,

Emphasizing the need for States to assist the High Commissioner in seeking durable and timely solutions to the problems of refugees, and to take part in efforts to prevent conditions that might give rise to the flight of refugees, and to address the root causes of refugee outflows, and underlining, in this connection, State responsibility, particularly as it relates to countries of origin,

Commending the High Commissioner and her staff for the competent, courageous and dedicated manner in which they discharge their responsibilities,

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 12A (A/49/12/Add.1).

3/ Ibid., Third Committee, 23rd meeting.

4/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 189, No. 2545.

5/ Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

6/ A/CONF.171/13, chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

paying tribute to those staff members who have endangered their lives in the course of their duties, and noting with profound regret the deaths of staff members as a consequence of violent events in several countries around the world,

Commending also those States, particularly the least developed and those hosting millions of refugees over long periods of time, which, despite severe economic, development and environmental challenges of their own, continue to admit large numbers of refugees into their territories, and emphasizing the need to share the burden of those States to the maximum extent possible through international assistance, including development-oriented assistance and assistance related to the impact on the environment of the large numbers of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner,

Noting with concern that the number of refugees and other persons to whom the Office of the High Commissioner is called upon to provide assistance and protection has continued to increase and that their protection continues to be seriously jeopardized in many situations as a result of denial of admission, unlawful expulsion, refoulement, unjustified detention, other threats to their personal security, dignity and well-being and failure to respect and ensure their fundamental freedoms and human rights,

Recognizing that, in certain regions, the misuse by individuals of asylum procedures jeopardizes the institution of asylum and adversely affects the prompt and effective protection of refugees,

Noting that the involuntary displacement of persons within their own countries remains a problem of grave humanitarian concern, and that the many and varied underlying causes of involuntary internal displacement and of refugee movements are similar in numerous cases,

Recognizing that actions by the international community, in consultation and coordination with the State concerned, on behalf of the internally displaced may contribute to the easing of tensions and the resolution of problems resulting in displacement, and constitute important components of a comprehensive approach to the prevention and solution of refugee problems,

Noting that, in a number of instances, the internally displaced are present alongside refugees, returnees or a vulnerable local population, in situations where it is neither reasonable nor feasible to treat the categories differently in responding to their needs for assistance and protection,

Welcoming the continuing efforts of the High Commissioner to meet the protection and assistance needs of refugee women and children, who constitute the majority of the world's refugee population and who are often exposed to serious threats to their safety and well-being,

Noting with concern the persistent problems of stateless persons in various regions and the emergence of new situations of statelessness,

1. Strongly reaffirms the fundamental importance of the function of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees of providing international protection to refugees and the need for States to cooperate fully with her Office in order to facilitate the effective exercise of that function;
2. Calls upon all States that have not yet done so to accede or declare succession to and to implement fully the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees and relevant regional instruments for the protection of refugees;
3. Deplores the fact that in certain situations refugees and returnees and other persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner have been subjected to armed attack, murder, rape and other violations of or threats to their personal security and other fundamental rights and that incidents of refoulement and denial of access to safety have occurred, and calls upon States to take all measures necessary to ensure respect for the principles of refugee protection and the humane treatment of asylum-seekers in accordance with internationally recognized human rights norms;
4. Calls upon all States to uphold asylum as an indispensable instrument for the international protection of refugees, and to respect scrupulously the fundamental principle of non-refoulement;
5. Reiterates the importance of ensuring access, for all persons seeking international protection, to fair and efficient procedures for the determination of refugee status or, as appropriate, to other mechanisms to ensure that persons in need of international protection are identified and granted such protection, while not diminishing the protection afforded to refugees under the terms of the 1951 Convention, the 1967 Protocol and relevant regional instruments;
6. Calls upon all States to assist and support the High Commissioner's efforts to continue to provide international protection and assistance, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, to persons who have been forced to flee or to remain outside their countries of origin as a result of danger to their life or freedom owing to situations of conflict, and to seek solutions to the problems arising from their forced displacement;
7. Recognizes the desirability of exploring further measures to ensure international protection to all who need it, including temporary protection and other forms of asylum oriented towards repatriation, in situations of conflict or persecution involving large-scale outflows and in which return home is considered the most appropriate durable solution, and encourages the High Commissioner to continue to promote international cooperation and to engage in further consultations and discussions concerning measures to achieve this objective, acknowledging the value of regional arrangements in this regard;
8. Stresses the importance of international solidarity and burden-sharing in reinforcing the international protection of refugees, and urges all States, and relevant non-governmental organizations, in conjunction with the Office of the High Commissioner, to cooperate in efforts to lighten the burden borne by States that have received large numbers of asylum-seekers and refugees;

9. Reiterates that voluntary repatriation, when it is feasible, is the ideal solution to refugee problems, calls upon countries of origin, countries of asylum, the Office of the High Commissioner and the international community as a whole to do everything possible to enable refugees to exercise freely their right to return home in safety and dignity, ensuring that international protection continues to be extended until that time, and assisting, where needed, the return and reintegration of repatriating refugees, and further calls upon the High Commissioner, in cooperation with States concerned, to promote, facilitate and coordinate the voluntary repatriation of refugees, including the monitoring of their safety and well-being on return;

10. Calls for a more concerted response by the international community to the needs of internally displaced persons and, in accordance with its resolution 48/116, reaffirms its support for the High Commissioner's efforts, on the basis of specific requests from the Secretary-General or the competent principal organs of the United Nations and with the consent of the State concerned, and taking into account the complementarities of the mandates and expertise of other relevant organizations, to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to such persons, emphasizing that activities on behalf of internally displaced persons must not undermine the institution of asylum, including the right to seek and enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution;

11. Calls upon the international community to provide timely and speedy humanitarian assistance and support to countries affected by internal displacement to help them fulfil their responsibility towards the displaced;

12. Calls, likewise, upon States and all parties to conflicts to take all necessary measures to ensure impartial, safe and timely humanitarian access to persons in need of protection and assistance;

13. Acknowledges the continued close cooperation between the High Commissioner and the representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons in the exercise of his mandate, and recognizes the importance of their close cooperation, and of cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, with respect to prevention, protection, humanitarian assistance and solutions;

14. Encourages the High Commissioner to continue to support the coordination role of the Emergency Relief Coordinator, especially in major and complex emergencies;

15. Underlines the need for further progress by the United Nations system in addressing in a coherent and mutually supportive manner humanitarian assistance, rehabilitation and development activities, especially in countries to which refugees are returning voluntarily, and calls upon the Economic and Social Council to review the complementarities of relevant United Nations organizations in this regard;

16. Emphasizes the need, particularly in complex emergencies that include humanitarian and peace-keeping operations, to ensure respect for the High Commissioner's protection mandate and to preserve the impartial and purely humanitarian nature of the activities of the Office;

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17. Expresses profound concern at conditions in a number of countries and regions that seriously endanger the security of the staff of the Office of the High Commissioner and other relief workers, deplores the loss of lives among such personnel, urges support for initiatives taken by the High Commissioner and within the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning the safety of United Nations and associated personnel, in particular the consideration of new measures to enhance the safety of such personnel, and calls upon States and all parties to conflicts to take all necessary measures to ensure the security of international and local staff undertaking humanitarian work in the countries concerned;
18. Urges the High Commissioner, Governments and other relevant organizations to intensify efforts to respond to the protection and assistance needs of refugee children, particularly those of unaccompanied minors, and calls upon States to safeguard the security of refugee children and to ensure that they are not recruited into the military or other armed groups;
19. Encourages the High Commissioner to continue to undertake initiatives for refugee women in the areas of leadership and skills training, legal awareness and education and, in particular, in the area of reproductive health, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of the refugees, in conformity with universally recognized international human rights;
20. Calls upon States to assist the High Commissioner to fulfil her responsibilities, under General Assembly resolution 3274 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, with respect to the reduction of statelessness, including the promotion of accessions to and full implementation of international instruments relating to statelessness;
21. Notes the relationship between safeguarding human rights and preventing refugee situations, and welcomes the High Commissioner's growing cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and her continued cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat and the Commission on Human Rights;
22. Reaffirms the importance of incorporating environmental considerations into the programmes of the Office of the High Commissioner, especially in the least developed countries which have hosted refugees over long periods of time, in view of the impact on the environment of the large numbers of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner;
23. Welcomes efforts to strengthen collaboration among Governments, the Office of the High Commissioner and non-governmental organizations, including through the Partnership in Action process, and encourages non-governmental organizations, Governments and the Office of the High Commissioner to identify areas for further cooperation;
24. Calls upon all Governments and other donors to contribute to the programmes of the Office of the High Commissioner and, taking into account the effect on host countries of the increasing requirements of large refugee populations, and the need to widen the donor base and to achieve greater

burden-sharing among donors, to assist the High Commissioner in securing additional and timely income from traditional governmental sources, other Governments and the private sector in order to ensure that the needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner are met.



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Banladesh, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Honduras, Jordan,
Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar,
Sudan, Togo and Yemen: draft resolution

New international humanitarian order

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/106 of 16 December 1992 and pertinent preceding resolutions 1/ relating to the promotion of a new international humanitarian order and of international cooperation in the humanitarian field,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and the preceding reports 3/ containing the comments and views of Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations,

Noting that a number of Governments have not yet made their comments in the context of the above-mentioned resolutions,

1/ Resolutions 36/136 of 14 December 1981, 37/201 of 18 December 1982, 38/125 of 16 December 1983, 40/126 of 13 December 1985, 42/120 and 42/121 of 7 December 1987, 43/129 and 43/130 of 8 December 1988 and 45/101 and 45/102 of 14 December 1990.

2/ A/49/577.

3/ A/37/145, A/38/450, A/40/358 and Add.1 and 2, A/41/472, A/43/734 and Add.1, A/45/524 and A/47/352.



1. Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continuing support to the efforts to promote a new international humanitarian order;
2. Urges Governments as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to provide their comments and views to the Secretary-General regarding the promotion of the new international humanitarian order;
3. Requests Governments to make available to the Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, information and expertise on humanitarian issues of special concern to them in order to identify opportunities for future action;
4. Invites the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to continue and further strengthen its activities in cooperation with the governmental and non-governmental bodies concerned;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to remain in contact with Governments as well as non-governmental organizations and the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues and to report on the progress made by them to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;
6. Decides to review at its fifty-first session the question of a new international humanitarian order.



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Banqladesh, India and Russian Federation: draft resolution

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme
of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1994/235 of 21 July 1994 concerning the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Taking note also of the notes verbales dated 28 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, 1/ 23 December 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations 2/ and 28 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations 3/ addressed to the Secretary-General relating to the enlargement of the Executive Committee,

1. Decides to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from forty-seven to fifty States;

1/ E/1994/7.

2/ E/1994/8.

3/ E/1994/9.



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2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect additional members at its resumed organizational session in 1995.



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Jordan and Sudan: draft resolution

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General, 1/ and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2/

Aware that the majority of the refugee population are children and women,

Bearing in mind that unaccompanied refugee minors are among the most vulnerable sectors of refugees who require special assistance and care,

Mindful of the fact that the ultimate solution to the plight of those unaccompanied minors is their reunification with their families,

Noting with satisfaction that the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees considered at its forty-fourth session an information note on refugee children, 3/ and that finalized

1/ See A/49/411 and A/49/643.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/49/12) and A/49/12/Add.1.

3/ EC/SCP/81.



guidelines entitled "Refugee children: protection and care" were issued in May 1994,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the protection and assistance of refugees,

Highly convinced that the Convention on the Rights of Children 4/ represents a normative framework for action to protect and care for refugee children,

1. Expresses its deep concern at the plight of unaccompanied refugee minors and the lack of transparency as to their location;
2. Calls upon the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, all concerned United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to exert the maximum effort in expediting the reunification of the unaccompanied refugee minors with their families;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to mobilize resources commensurate to the needs for the reintegration of the unaccompanied refugee minors with their families;
4. Condemns the acts of exploiting the unaccompanied refugee minors as human shields and their recruitment for conscription in military insurgence, and any other acts that endanger their safety and personal security;
5. Calls upon the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations agencies to mobilize adequate assistance to unaccompanied minors in the areas of relief, education, health, psychological rehabilitation, etc.;
6. Requests all countries, in particular the host countries, and the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to pay greater attention to the special needs of the unaccompanied refugee minors, in particular their protection and the preservation of their well-being;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.



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Guinea-Bissau, Jordan, Morocco and Sudan: revised
draft resolution

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note and the report of the Secretary-General, 1/
and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2/

Aware that the majority of the refugee population are children and women,

Bearing in mind that unaccompanied refugee minors are among the most
vulnerable refugees and require special assistance and care,

Mindful of the fact that the ultimate solution to the plight of those
unaccompanied minors is their reunification with their families,

Noting with satisfaction that the Office of the United Nations High
Commissioner for Refugees has developed revised Guidelines on Refugee Children,
issued in May 1994,

1/ A/49/411 and A/49/643.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session,
Supplement No. 12 and addendum (A/49/12 and Add.1).



Noting with appreciation the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to ensure the protection and assistance of refugees, including refugee children and unaccompanied minors,

Recalling the provisions concerning the protection of refugee minors of the Convention on the Rights of the Child 3/ and the 1951 Convention 4/ and the 1967 Protocol 5/ relating to the Status of Refugees,

1. Expresses its deep concern at the plight of unaccompanied refugee minors and the lack of transparency as to their number and whereabouts;
2. Calls upon all Governments, the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, all other United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to exert the maximum effort to assist and protect refugee minors and to expedite the reunification of unaccompanied refugee minors with their families, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
3. Requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations organizations concerned to mobilize resources commensurate to the needs and interest of the unaccompanied refugee minors and for their reunification with their families;
4. Condemns all acts of exploiting the unaccompanied refugee minors, including their use as human shields in armed conflict and their recruitment for conscription in military service, and any other acts that endanger their safety and personal security;
5. Calls upon the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations to mobilize adequate assistance to unaccompanied minors in the areas of relief, education, health, psychological rehabilitation, etc.;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

3/ Resolution 44/25.

4/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 189, No. 2545.

5/ Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.



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Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia,
Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation and
Tajikistan: draft resolution

Convening of a United Nations conference for the
comprehensive consideration and review of the
problems of refugees, returnees, displaced
persons and migrants

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/113 of 20 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/

Recognizing the complexity and urgency of the global refugee crisis,

Recognizing also that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees plays an important and useful role in developing regional approaches which, taking into account the specific situation in the regions, contribute to the solution of the global refugee crises,

Expressing its concern about the magnitude of existing and potential refugee and related migratory movements in the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States,

1/ A/49/533.



Welcoming the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development, held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

Reaffirming the need for the international community to adopt comprehensive approaches for the coordination of action with regard to refugees, returnees, displaced persons and migrants,

Recognizing the need to develop innovative strategies, mechanisms and decisions in this field,

1. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in consultation with concerned States and in coordination with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to continue to promote comprehensive regional approaches to the problems of refugees and displaced persons;
2. Encourages the High Commissioner, in cooperation with interested States and concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to convene in 1995 a regional conference to address the problems of refugees, displaced persons and forced migrants in the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States;
3. Calls upon States and concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide all the necessary support and resources needed by the High Commissioner for the preparation and holding of the Conference;
4. Invites all Member States, the specialized agencies, other international organizations, relevant United Nations bodies, regional organizations, and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue consultations on the appropriateness of convening a United Nations conference for the comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and migrants, bearing in mind the results of the regional conference referred to in paragraph 2 above and the need to ensure coordination with other related initiatives, notably those emanating from the International Conference on Population and Development;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the results of the action taken in accordance with paragraph 2 and on the consultations undertaken in accordance with paragraph 4 of the present resolution.



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Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan,
Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and
Turkmenistan: draft resolution

Comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees,
returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/113 of 20 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General ^{1/} and the concerns expressed therein about the magnitude of existing and potential refugee and related migratory movements in the Commonwealth of Independent States and relevant neighbouring States,

Reaffirming the need for the international community to consider comprehensive approaches for the coordination of action with regard to refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements,

1. Calls upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in consultation with concerned States and in coordination with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to continue to consider comprehensive regional approaches to the problems of refugees and displaced persons;

^{1/} A/49/533.



2. Also calls upon the High Commissioner to continue her efforts to promote and develop a preparatory process, leading to the convening, not later than 1996, of a regional conference to address the problems of refugees, displaced persons, other forms of involuntary displacement and returnees in the Commonwealth of Independent States and other relevant neighbouring States, and urges States and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to support that process, including follow-up measures;

3. Invites Member States and the specialized agencies, other international organizations, relevant United Nations bodies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue consultations on the appropriateness of convening a global conference on the problems of refugees, returnees and displaced persons, bearing in mind the results of prior relevant conferences;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.



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Ghana*: draft resolution

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/118 of 20 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2/

Bearing in mind that most of the affected countries are least developed countries,

Convinced of the necessity to strengthen the capacity within the United Nations system for the implementation and overall coordination of relief programmes for refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Welcoming the prospects for voluntary repatriation and durable solutions across the continent,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ A/49/578.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 and addendum (A/49/12 and Add.1).



Recognizing the need for States to create conditions conducive to the prevention of flows of refugees and displaced persons and to voluntary repatriation,

Bearing in mind that the majority of refugees and displaced persons are women and children,

Noting with deep gratitude the readiness and willingness with which States members of the Organization of African Unity have always received refugees and displaced persons in spite of the economic difficulties facing most African States,

Realizing the importance of assisting the host countries, in particular those countries that have been hosting refugees for a long time, to remedy environmental deterioration and the negative effects on public services and the development process,

Recognizing the mandate of the High Commissioner to protect and assist refugees and returnees and the catalytic role she plays, together with the international community and development agencies, in addressing the broader issues of development relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Bearing in mind the necessity of facilitating the work of humanitarian organizations, in particular the supply of food, medicine and health care to refugees, returnees and displaced persons, deploring acts of aggression against personnel of humanitarian organizations, particularly those that have led to the loss of life, and stressing the need to guarantee the safety of the personnel of those organizations,

Deeply concerned about the continuing critical humanitarian situation in African countries, in particular in the Horn of Africa, caused by persistent drought, conflict and population movements,

Conscious of the situation of the refugees, returnees and displaced persons in east, west, central and southern Africa,

Welcoming regional efforts, such as the mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution established by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-ninth ordinary session, held at Cairo from 28 to 30 June 1993, 3/

Taking into account resolution CM/Res.1521 (LX) on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixtieth ordinary session, held at Tunis from 6 to 11 June 1994, 4/

3/ See A/48/322, annex II.

4/ See A/49/313, annex I.

Deeply concerned by the massive presence of refugees and externally displaced persons in Djibouti, which represents 25 per cent of the total population of the country, and by their uninterrupted influx owing to the tragic situation in Somalia,

Deeply concerned also by the serious consequences of the presence of refugees and externally displaced persons for the already difficult economic and social situation in Djibouti, which is suffering from prolonged drought and the negative effects of the critical situation in the Horn of Africa,

Recognizing that more than half of the refugees and externally displaced persons in Djibouti are located in Djibouti City in most serious difficulties and without direct international assistance, exerting intolerable pressure on the limited resources of the country and the social infrastructure and causing, in particular, serious problems of security,

Also recognizing the need for cooperation between the Government of Djibouti and the High Commissioner and relevant organizations to find alternative solutions to the problem of refugees in Djibouti City and to mobilize the necessary external assistance to meet their specific needs,

Aware that the refugee population in the refugee camps throughout Djibouti is in a precarious situation, facing the threat of famine, malnutrition and disease, and that it needs adequate external assistance for the provision of foodstuff, medical assistance and the necessary infrastructure for shelter,

Also aware that Eritrea has been devastated by a thirty-year war, which ended in May 1991, and repeated droughts over the years, that its economy and resources have been destroyed and that it is starting anew,

Recognizing the massive task facing Eritrea of repatriating over half a million refugees, particularly from the Sudan, through its programme for refugee reintegration and rehabilitation of resettlement areas in Eritrea, and resettling voluntary returnees already in the country, internally displaced persons and demobilized former combatants, and the enormous burden that they have placed on the Government of Eritrea,

Recognizing also the need for cooperation between the Government of Eritrea and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and relevant organizations in order to mobilize the necessary international assistance to put the programmes of human resettlement into action in Eritrea,

Deeply concerned about the massive presence of refugees, voluntary returnees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers in Ethiopia and the enormous burden that this has placed on the infrastructure and meagre resources of the country,

Deeply concerned also about the grave consequences this has entailed for Ethiopia's capability to grapple with the effects of the prolonged drought and to rebuild the country's economy,

Aware of the heavy burden placed on the Government of Ethiopia and of the need for immediate and adequate assistance to refugees, voluntary returnees, displaced persons, demobilized soldiers and victims of natural disasters,

Deeply concerned about the burden that has been placed on the Government and people of Kenya because of the influx of refugees fleeing the strife in some neighbouring countries and the infiltration of armed bandits and highly dangerous illegal weapons from the situation obtaining in Somalia,

Aware of the need to improve the security situation in the region, particularly in the border areas, for the safety of the refugees, local community and personnel involved in humanitarian activities,

Recognizing the great contribution and sacrifices that the Government of Kenya has made and continues to make in dealing with this situation,

Emphasizing the importance and necessity of continuing assistance to the refugees in Kenya, estimated to number more than two hundred and seventy thousand, until such time as this situation has changed,

Deeply concerned about the tragic impact that the civil war in Somalia continues to have on the lives of its people, affecting four to five million people who are either refugees in neighbouring countries or internally displaced and are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance,

Aware that the voluntary repatriation of large numbers of Somali refugees in neighbouring countries and elsewhere, as well as the return of internally displaced persons to their original homes, will still require a planned and integrated international assistance programme designed to cover their basic needs, ensure adequate reception arrangements and facilitate their smooth integration into their respective communities,

Convinced that it is necessary that humanitarian assistance to Somali refugees, returnees and displaced persons be mobilized urgently and delivered without delay in view of the deteriorating situation of the displaced persons and returnees and the mounting pressure the refugees continue to place on the host countries,

Appealing to the Somalis to implement the Addis Ababa Agreement on national reconciliation that the Somali leaders signed on 27 March 1993 in order to create an environment conducive to the repatriation of Somali refugees from the neighbouring countries,

Recognizing that the Sudan has been hosting large numbers of refugees over an extended period of time,

Aware of the economic difficulties facing the Government of the Sudan, and the need for adequate assistance for the refugees and displaced persons in the Sudan and the rehabilitation of the areas affected by their presence,

Commending the Government of the Sudan and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the efforts they have undertaken for the voluntary repatriation of the large numbers of refugees to their homelands,

Deeply concerned about the plight of Sudanese refugee children, particularly the problem of unaccompanied minors, and emphasizing the need for their protection, well-being and reunification with their families,

Considering that the repatriation and reintegration of returnees and the relocation of displaced persons are aggravated by natural disasters and that the process poses serious humanitarian, social and economic problems for the Government of Chad,

Cognizant of the appeal to Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide the necessary assistance to the Government of Chad to alleviate its problems and improve its abilities to implement the programme of repatriation, reintegration and relocation of voluntary returnees and displaced persons,

Noting with appreciation the continuing efforts of the Economic Community of West African States and the Organization of African Unity to restore peace, security and stability in Liberia, and the signing at Cotonou, Benin, on 25 July 1993 of the peace agreement between the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy, 5/ as well as the establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, aimed at bringing an end to the conflict,

Deeply concerned about the influx of internally displaced persons, returnees and refugees to Monrovia and the enormous burden this has placed on the infrastructure and fragile economy of the country,

Also deeply concerned that, despite the efforts made to provide the necessary material and financial assistance for the refugees, returnees and displaced persons, the situation remains unsettled and has serious implications for the long-term national development of Liberia, as well as for those west African countries hosting Liberian refugees,

Bearing in mind the continuing need to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons, since the security situation is not yet propitious for the conduct of large-scale voluntary repatriation and reintegration,

Deeply concerned about the influx of refugees into Burundi, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire following the recent crisis in Rwanda;

Considering the alarming situation of internally displaced persons in Burundi and Rwanda,

5/ S/26272, annex.

Emphasizing the need for structured and coordinated action by all parties to assist the Government of Rwanda in the rehabilitation, reconstruction and normalization of civil society in that country and to complement the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees related to repatriation,

Welcoming the ongoing repatriation programmes for refugees in some southern African countries,

Convinced that, because of the serious economic situation arising from the effects of devastating and persistent drought in southern Africa and the impact on some countries in the region of hosting large numbers of refugees, there is a continuing need for the international community to extend maximum and concerted assistance to the southern African countries sheltering refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Welcoming with appreciation the ongoing activities of the High Commissioner for the voluntary repatriation and reintegration of South African returnees,

Recognizing the need to integrate refugee-related development projects in local and national development plans,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
2. Commends the Governments concerned for their sacrifices, for providing assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for their efforts to promote voluntary repatriation and other measures taken in order to find appropriate and lasting solutions;
3. Expresses deep concern at the serious and far-reaching consequences of the presence of large numbers of refugees and displaced persons in the countries concerned and the implications for the security environment and their long-term socio-economic development;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner, the specialized agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, donor countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their assistance in mitigating the plight of the large number of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;
5. Expresses the hope that additional resources will be made available for general refugee programmes to keep pace with refugee needs;
6. Expresses its gratitude to the international community for the humanitarian assistance it has continued to render to refugees and displaced persons and to the countries of asylum, and calls upon it to continue to provide assistance to the millions of refugees and displaced persons in Africa;
7. Calls upon Governments, United Nations organizations, non-governmental organizations and the international community as a whole to strengthen the emergency response capacity of the Office of the United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees on the basis of the experience of the emergency in Rwanda, and to continue providing needed resources and operational support to assist Rwandese refugees and the host countries until a permanent solution can be implemented;

8. Also calls upon the international donor community to provide material and financial assistance for the implementation of programmes intended for the rehabilitation of the environment and infrastructure in areas affected by refugees in countries of asylum;

9. Further calls upon Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide the necessary support and financial assistance to the High Commissioner to enhance her capacities and abilities to implement emergency operations, care and maintenance activities, and repatriation and reintegration programmes for the benefit of refugees, returnees and, as appropriate, certain groups of internally displaced persons;

10. Appeals to Member States and international and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate financial, material and technical assistance for relief and rehabilitation programmes for the large number of refugees, voluntary returnees and displaced persons and victims of natural disasters and to the affected countries;

11. Requests all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to pay particular attention to meeting the special needs of refugee women and children;

12. Calls upon the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and United Nations humanitarian organizations to continue their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief, repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees, returnees and displaced persons, including those refugees in urban areas;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize adequate financial and material assistance for the full implementation of present and future projects in rural and urban areas affected by the presence of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

14. Requests the High Commissioner to continue her efforts with the appropriate United Nations organizations, the Organization of African Unity and intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations to consolidate and increase essential services to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

15. Also requests the High Commissioner to review her general programmes in Africa, taking into account the increasing requirements in that region,

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Report of the High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating

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to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", and an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995.



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Peru, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine: draft
resolution

United Nations Year for Tolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/126 of 20 December 1993, by which it proclaimed 1995 the United Nations Year for Tolerance,

Recalling also that the Charter of the United Nations affirms in its preamble that to practise tolerance is one of the principles to be applied to attain the ends pursued by the United Nations of preventing war and maintaining peace,

Stressing that one of the purposes of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter is the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Mindful of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.



Bearing in mind the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 3/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993,

Convinced that tolerance is the sound foundation of any civil society and of peace,

Bearing in mind its decision of 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 concerning guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Noting that the observance of the United Nations Year for Tolerance will not involve any financial implications for the United Nations,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General 4/ transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

1. Welcomes the fact that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will assume the role of lead organization for the United Nations Year for Tolerance;

2. Recommends that the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system consider in their respective forums the contributions they could make to the success of the United Nations Year for Tolerance;

3. Calls upon all Member States to cooperate with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in the observance of the national and international programmes for the Year and to participate actively in the implementation of the activities to be organized within the framework of the Year;

4. Invites interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to exert efforts in their respective fields to contribute adequately to the programmes for the Year and to the follow-up programme for the Year;

5. Requests the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare for the conclusion of the Year a declaration of principles and a programme of action as a follow-up to the Year, and to submit them to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

6. Decides to mark the end of the Year at a special commemorative plenary meeting at its fiftieth session and to review the follow-up to the Year at its fifty-first session.

3/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III).

4/ A/49/457.